

August 16, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder
FROM: Barton Kale, Mining Field Specialist *BOK*
RE: Plateau Mining Company, Star Point Mines, ACT/007/006,
Folder #7, Carbon County, Utah

A partial inspection was conducted at the above mentioned mine-site by Barton Kale of the Division on July 26, 1985. The inspector was accompanied by Ben Grimes of Plateau Mining Company.

During this inspection the operator wanted to establish the fact that recent storm damage had caused numerous maintenance problems the previous weekend. A check of the rain gauge data showed a total of 3.12 inches having fallen between Friday p.m. (July 19, 1985) and Monday p.m. (July 22, 1985). During the tour various diversions and ditches were in the process of being repaired. Crews were in the field. As long as crews were working and the work was satisfactory the inspector had no problems.

The area behind the mine timbers (undisturbed drainage), needed cleaning from the last inspection. Sloughage from the winter tends to fill the ditch and the operator committed to cleaning it by this last inspection. The work was done but recent slides from the rain deposited additional material in the ditch. The operator committed to doing the additional maintenance work.

The drop drain in front of the trash bins need maintenance. As do other culverts and ditches due to the storm.

The Star Point #1 mining area is undergoing reclamation at this time. Most of the scrap is gone and earth moving equipment was on site to begin contouring the landscape. Equipment was pulling fill up from the coal shute slope to recountour the portal pad while a front-end loader was removing leftover coal from the bottom of the shute area. The operator requested technical staff help from the Division and a field trip has been planned.

The unit train loadout is progressing at this time. No problems were noted.

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cc: Donna Griffin
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Statistics: See Factory Butte memo dated August 5, 1985
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